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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
PETER S. DRAGOVICH, ET AL.)
Application No.: 10/629,657)
Filed: July 30, 2003)
For: ANTIPICORNAVIRAL)
COMPOUNDS COMPOSITIONS)
CONTAINING THEM, AND)
METHODS FOR THEIR USE)
Examiner: Brian J. Davis
Group Art Unit: 1621
May 19, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the time for response to the Office Action mailed April 12, 2005, be extended for one month from May 12, 2005, to June 12, 2005.

Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment may be charged or credited to Deposit Acct. 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2005, the period for response having been extended, Applicants elect a species wherein the variable of formula

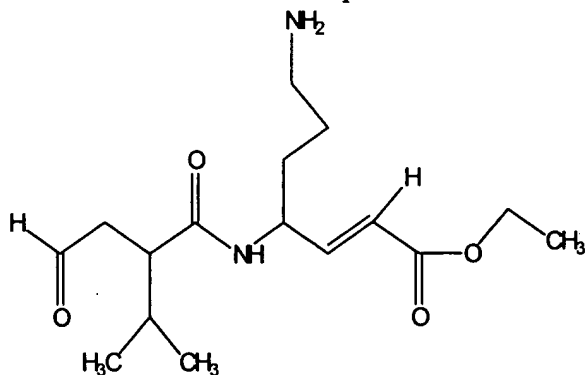
(I) are defined as follows:

M₁ is O;
R₁ is H;
R₅ is H;

R₂ is NH₂ and B₁ is H;
R₇ is H;
R₃ is H;
R₆ is isopropyl;
R₂₀ is H; and
Z is H and Z₁ is -CO₂R₂₁ wherein R₂₁ is ethyl.

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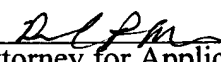
Thus, the structure of the elected species is:



Applicants would also like to thank the Examiner for his attempts to expedite matters telephonically.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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